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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AID GRANT FOR DEL VALLE UNIVERSITY

FOR AID/SER/ASHA AND STATE/A/O/OS - MR. BENTZ

REF: STATE 058758

1. REFTEL SAYS UNALLOCATED RESOURCES OF EXISTING IDB LOAN TO DEL VALLE UNIVERSITY "WILL BE UTILIZED TO COVER THE RECONSTRUCTION COSTS. IDB/G IS AWARE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT ACCORDING TO IDB/W." THIS IMPLIES IDB LOAN COULD COVER FULL \$250,000 COST OF REPAIR OF CAMPUS JOINTLY USED BY UNIVERSITY AND AMERICAN SCHOOL OF GUATEMALA.

2. IDB/G HAS TOLD DE VALLE THAT UNALLOCATED PORTION OF IDB LOAN COULD BE USED TO COVER ESTIMATED \$150,000 COST OF REPAIRING BUILDINGS WHICH ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED UNDER IDB LOAN, BUT NOT RPT NOT \$100,000 COST OF REPAIRING EXISTING BUILDINGS NOT BUILT BY LOAN. DE VALLE SAYS RAFAEL LANDIVAR UNIVERSITY, WHICH HAS SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH ITS BUILDING PROGRAM UNDER SAME IDB LOAN, WAS GIVEN SAME ANSWER BY IDB/G: LOAN MONEY COULD BE USED TO REPAIR NEW BUILDINGS BUT NOT OLDER ONES.

3. DEL VALLE POINTS OUT PARENTHETICALLY THAT UN-ALLOCATED FUNDS IDB IS TALKING ABOUT ARE NOT RPT NOT CONTINGENCY FUNDS BUT RATHER PORTION OF LOAN NOT YET COMMITTED BECAUSE AT LEASE ONE BUILDING HAS NOT YET

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BEEN PUT OUT TO BID. UNALLOCATED FUNDS THUS MORE THAN

AMPLE COVER REPAIRS TO BOTH OLD AND NEW BUILDINGS
BUT DEL VALLE POINTS OUT THAT THIS MERELY POST-
PONES PROBLEM; LOAN FUNDS COULD RUN SHORT AT END OF
BUILDING PERIOD WHEN CONTRACTS MUST BE LET ON ALL PLANNED
BUILDINGS. NEVERTHELESS, SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY, DEL VALLE
AGREEABLE TO COVERING REPAIRS UNDER IDB LOAN BUT STILL
SKEPTICAL, IN VIEW OF INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED FROM
IDB/G, WHETHER IDB PREPARED COVER NON-LOAN-FINANCED
BUILDINGS.

4. REQUEST CLARIFICATION. IF IDB REALLOCATING FUNDS ONLY
FOR BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER
THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF ASHA GRANT OF \$100,000 NEEDED
FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS.

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